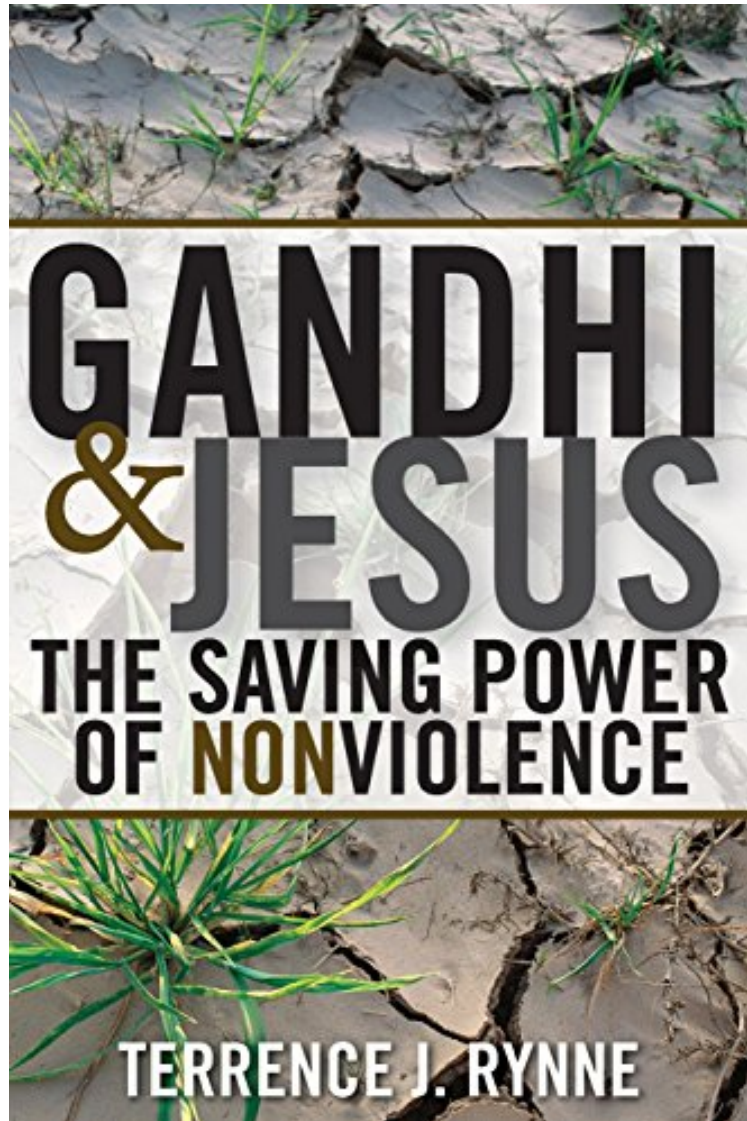


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done good research. His simple thesis is that Gandhi's non-violent resistance forces Christians to rethink our ethics of just war and our notion of salvation. Rynne should have gone a bit further on salvation, illustrating the simple but important point that in Gandhi's conception there was the idea that people of all religions can be saved, while for many Christians it has become a too-simple faith declaration in Christ as the litmus test for being saved. Rynne's last section on soteriology can be a bit abstract and wandering, but the patient reader will understand the idea of the Christian concept he wishes to illustrate. It is also very puzzling why Rynne chose not to include Martin Luther King Jr. as an obvious selection for a Christian who followed Jesus. Having King in there would have helped the book. As it stands, the book is a good statement of Gandhi's nonviolent beliefs, how they shaped and were shaped by Christianity, and what that means for the Christian ethicist today.<sup>3</sup> of 3 people found the following review helpful. A convincing call to live the gospels

By Sharon I did not expect that Jesus' influence on Gandhi was so profound and that he challenged Christians to live the life and teachings of Jesus with total commitment. I am assisted in my own quest to resist "just war" teachings by Rynne's presentation of Jesus and Gandhi as political leaders who used "soul power" to resist violence. This book is a must read for anyone who aspires to be a peacemaker. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent book

By Karen Wehrman I learned a lot about Gandhi and about active resistance.

At a time when so many insist on countering violence with violence, this exploration of the life of Jesus and the (often misunderstood) teachings of Gandhi puts nonviolent action at the very heart of Christian salvation.

"Terrence Rynne provides an extraordinarily sophisticated account of Gandhi's teaching, and he does so in a way that defeats easy criticism of Gandhi's continuing relevance. Rynne quite masterfully draws on the work C. F. Andrews, John Howard Yoder, Bernard Haring, and Walter Wink to show how Christians must have a stake in Gandhi. If that were not enough, he then helps us see how this Christian narrating of Gandhi can help us recover accounts of salvation that avoid some of the worst caricatures associated with satisfaction theories. I highly recommend this book!" -- Stanley Hauerwas "Gandhi and Jesus"